

## HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY USER CONDUCT

The Homer Public Library is available to persons of all ages. While everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities, no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, services, and facilities.

To ensure that visitors may enjoy a safe and pleasant library experience, the following rules have been established and adopted by the Library Advisory Board and approved by the Homer City Council.

The library director and staff are responsible for enforcing patron conduct in the library. Anyone found to be interfering with another's use of the library will be asked to stop the behavior or activity. If the behavior continues, the staff will ask the individual to leave the library. Failure to leave will result in staff calling the police for assistance. Repeated or serious violations may result in denial of library privileges and permanent exclusion.

Patrons should observe the following guidelines:

- Attend to children.
- Speak in a soft voice.
- Contact a staff person with any questions, concerns, or needs for assistance.

No list can be exhaustive; however, any conduct which disrupts library use is prohibited. The following behaviors are not acceptable in the library:

- Disturbing or distracting others.
- Using abusive or profane language.
- Running inside the library.
- Using a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, roller or in-line skates in the library or near the entrance and entryway sidewalks.
- Using cell phones to make or receive calls, except in designated areas.
- Bringing animals into the facility, with the exception of service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Titles II and III, and Alaska law (AS 11.76.130).
- Consuming food inside the library, except where and when specifically allowed. Beverages in covered containers are allowed, except at public computer stations.
- Smoking in the library or near the entrance. Smoking is allowed in a designated smoking area 50' from the library entrance.
- Circulating petitions or distributing materials outside of designated areas and/or without approval by library staff.
- Soliciting funds.
- Posting materials that have not been previously approved by library staff.
- Making unauthorized or inappropriate use of library equipment (for example, computers, copiers, fire alarms, or emergency exit doors).
- Trespassing into any area closed to the public.

- Exhibiting odor or fragrance that disturbs others to the point that it interferes with library activities, use of library resources, or staff work.
- Using library facilities for purposes of bathing or sleeping.
- Having a visible infestation of lice, parasites, or other pests.
- Having wet or soiled clothing that may stain or befoul library furniture.
- Possessing a weapon except as exempted under State of Alaska law (AS 29.35.145) or other applicable authority.
- Consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Destroying or defacing library property or the property of patrons or staff.
- Stealing library materials. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Attempts to remove materials from the library without checking them out
  - The removal of equipment, artwork, plants, or decorations from library property
- Harassing or threatening patrons or staff verbally, physically, sexually, or electronically.
- Committing any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, or regulation.

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